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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I draw the attention of the Hon. Minister to the ruling given in 54 Madras that, when a particular officer has been appointed to decide cases under the Land Acquisition Act, no appeal against his order lies to the court?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Section 54 of the Land Acquisition Act definitely provides for appeal."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it not the judgment of the Madras High Court in 54 Madras that no appeal shall lie against the order of an officer appointed to try cases under the Act as it amounts to an award?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I will examine whether the section requires any amendment. But it is for the parties to take the decision to the Federal Court."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Instead of calling upon the parties to go to the Federal Court, will the Hon. Minister suitably amend the section so as to confer on the parties the right of appeal to the District Court or the High Court as the case may be?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" We shall consult the Advocate-General in the matter."

State aid to newspaper concerns.

*71 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have *hitherto* granted any aid under the Madras State Aid to Industries Act to the proprietors or owners or others interested in the running of newspaper concerns;

(*b*) if so, what those Newspapers and the amounts given to them are;

(*c*) whether any applications have recently been received by the Director of Industries for grant of aid to some of the local newspapers and if so, what they are and for how much amounts, they have applied; and

(*d*) whether the Government have under consideration any plan to extend aid under the above Act to newspapers and if so, what the decision is?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Industries) :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir. The Director of Messrs. Dinasari, Limited, has submitted an application to the Director of Industries and Commerce for a loan of Rs. 1,50,000 under the Madras State-Aid to Industries Act.

" (*d*) No Sir, not at present."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government consider that newspapers come under the category of industries, and if so, whether they would come within the purview of the State-Aid to Industries Act?" 11-15 a.m.

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The question has to be considered by the Board of Industries which is a statutory body, as the hon. Member knows. After the views of the Board of Industries are received, it is open to the Government to examine the question. Till now the Government were awaiting the recommendations of the Board of Industries in the matter, Sir."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Is it not against the policy of the Government to subsidize newspapers, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" This question does not relate to the subsidizing of newspapers, Sir. It is, I believe, the granting of a Government loan to an industry."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Will the Government consult the Indian Newspaper Society, which is a recognized organization of newspaper proprietors, before giving any aid to any newspaper in this Province? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" As I have already said, Sir, the question of considering the matter has not yet arisen. This question is now only before the Board of Industries. It is only after the Board of Industries has considered it as an industry and recommended the grant of a loan that the matter will come up before the Government for consideration. At this stage, the Government are not seized of the matter."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Will the Government realize that this is a matter which affects the freedom of the press and that any aided newspaper is bound to be subservient to the Government? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" These are all points that will have to be considered when the matter comes up before the Government. Perhaps I may just read for the information of the House the nature of the industries that are entitled to help under the State Aid to Industries Act. Under section 5 (1) of that Act, the industries to which aid may be given under the Act shall be such as have an important bearing on the economic development of the country and shall be:

(*a*) new or ancient industries, or

(*b*) industries to be newly introduced into areas where such industries are undeveloped; or

(*c*) cottage industries; or

(*d*) old or established industries:

Provided that aid shall not be given to any old or established industry unless the Government are satisfied that special reasons exist for giving such aid.

That is the provision in the Act under which Government can give State Aid to Industries, Sir."

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SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, what is the necessity for subsidizing any particular paper, while there are so many newspapers representing different points of view? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" I wonder where the hon. Member got the information that the Government are subsidizing any particular newspaper."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Director of Industries is aware of the definition of industries entitled to state-aid under the State Aid to Industries Act, when he entertains such applications? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" He is expected to know his duties, Sir."

Admissions into medical colleges.

* 72 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any changes have been recently made in the rules governing admissions into medical colleges and if so, what they are;

(*b*) whether any selection committee was appointed and if so, who the members of the committee are;

(*c*) whether the list prepared by the committee was subject to scrutiny by Government before it was finalized;

(*d*) whether the Government reserved a certain number of places to be filled up by their nominees and if so, on what principles the Government made their nominations; and

(*e*) what the districtwar representation of selected candidates according to communities is?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" (*a*) copies[a] of G.Os. No. 2381, P.H., dated 30th June 1949 and No. 2568, P.H., dated 16th July 1949, in which certain modifications were made to the rules governing admissions to medical colleges are placed on the table.

" (*b*) The selection committee was constituted of the Principals of the Medical Colleges and the following three non-official members:—

(1) Sri A. V. Raman, Editor, *Peoples' Health*, Madras.

(2) Sri C. Subramaniam, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Coimbatore.

(3) Sri B. Anantachar, B.A., B.L., M.L.A., Hospet.

The Principal, Madras Medical College, was the Chairman.

" (*c*) The list prepared by the committee was not scrutinized by Government, but it was scrutinized by the Surgeon-General before it was finalized.

" (*d*) Six seats have been reserved to be filled up by the Surgeon-General, at his discretion, in consultation with

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 843–845 infra.